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1. SUMMARY. BELGIANS HOPE SOME WAY CAN BE FOUND TO
MAKE PARTICIPANTS WELL AWARE IN ADVANCE OF SCENARIO FOR
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ENERGY CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMISSARY VISIT. DAVIGNON (FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR) TOLD ME TODAY THE GOB BELIEVES IT MOST IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE THAT THE PARTICIPANTS BE WELL AWARE IN ADVANCE OF A GENERAL SCENARIO. ON THIS ACCOUNT, HE WANTED TO REITERATE HIS EARLIER URGING THAT UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON OR ANOTHER EMISSARY COME TO EUROPE. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE BEST TIME FOR SUCH A VISIT, IN THE BELGIAN VIEW, WOULD BE DIRECTLY AFTER THE FEBRUARY 4-5 MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. IF THERE IS TO BE NO EMISSARY VISIT, SOME OTHER WAY OF CONSULTING ON A SCENARIO WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

3. REPRESENTATION. DAVIGNON SAID FONMIN VAN ELSLANDE IS STILL EXPECTED TO REPRESENT BELGIUM (SEE ALSO SEPTTEL). VAN ELSLANDE MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER MINISTERS, AND FOR THE PRESENT, DAVIGNON HIMSELF COULD NOT BE SURE HE (DAVIGNON) COULD BE PART OF THE DELEGATION. AS FOR FRANCE, DAVIGNON EXPRESSED HIMSELF VIGOROUSLY IN SAYING THE FRENCH, JOBERT INCLUDED, WOULD CERTAINLY ATTEND, IF ONLY TO ASSURE THEY COULD BE AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR OBSTRUCTIONISM.

4. BELGIAN-FRENCH RELATIONS. DAVIGNON OBVIOUSLY FEELS VERY UNKINDLY TOWARDS THE FRENCH THIS WEEK FOR THEIR SURPRISE FLOATING OF THE FRANC. HE NO DOUBT DRAFTED THE VERY STIFF PUBLIC DECLARATION ISSUED TODAY BY VAN ELSLANDE (REPORTED SEPARATELY) ON THE EVE OF A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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